

MONTANA STATE PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: February 26, 2014

Agenda Item: Proposed Legislation for 2015 Session

Division: Parks

Action Needed: Informational

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 15 minutes

Background:

As part of keeping the board apprised of the Department's legislative proposals for the Parks Division, prior to submission to the Governor's office for consideration, the Board is being informed of the legislative proposals the Department is considering.

These items each represent draft proposals that require Director's approval, Governor's office approval, submission to EQC and, if approved there, a bill draft will be submitted for formal consideration.

The Department is considering changes to state purchasing laws to allow for concession contracts to be at least 20 years as discussed in the December meeting, establishing law to place a moratorium on the acquisition of any new state parks for five years unless approved by the Legislature, and amending the Island Parks law (77-1-405, MCA) to allow for development of boating facilities to improve protection of personal property and enhance disabled access as approved by the Parks Board.

These items do not require Board approval until the April meeting, but staff is asking the Board to begin consideration of these legislative ideas before that date, as part of bringing forth effective concepts to the Director, Governor and Legislature.

Public Involvement Process & Results:

There has yet not been formal public comment on these proposals. This is an informational item only.

Alternatives and Analysis:

Not applicable.

Proposed Motion:

No motion is required. This is simply an informational item.